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Welcome to Your Church

The fact that you are reading these words suggests that you are a new reader of this magazine. Either you are a newcomer to this area or you are a visitor.

If you are a visitor, we hope that you have enjoyed your visit to our church; that you have found it interesting, instructive and conducive to prayer. If you are going to be here at one of our regular service times, we hope that you will join us in the worship of God and we ask that you take our greetings back to your own church.

If you are new to this Parish, we bid you welcome and invite you to join us and share in the fellowship of God's family in Hughenden. This magazine gives details of the regular times of worship here. We hope that you will find something to meet your spiritual needs. The printed word is cold and remote and we would like to make personal contact with you, so please leave your name and address in the box at the back of the church.

Whoever you are who reads these words, may God bless you, sustain you and protect you, your family and friends, now and always.

Grant us Lord, faith to believe and strength to do thy will

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Dear Readers,

This month our thoughts turn to Harvest. Our Harvest Festival is on October 2nd, when we will perhaps be thinking about food; what we may have grown in our gardens and also what One Can Trust may need by way of donations (see Keith's letter for more details). However there are many other 'harvests' that we may also need to think, about progress towards personal targets as well as objectives at work; but don't forget progress on your walk with Christ. I found the following on Parish Pump a Diocesan website available to the Editors, I thought it fitted well into the Harvest theme as well as being thought provoking.

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian. The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer but said "Well, it's like being a pumpkin". Her colleague asked her to explain that and so she said: "God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins. Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see. It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

When you see pumpkins for Harvest, or for Halloween at the end of the month, I hope you will look at them slightly differently and remember to make the light of Christ shine out through your smiley face.

Jane and Bob Tucker
Editors

From the Vicarage – October 2016

It's time to bring in the harvest!

As I write these words in mid-September, we are still enjoying some wonderfully warm summer days. However, balmy weather, cloudless skies, bees buzzing around the food table, the extra use which we have had out of shorts and other summer clothes, are soon to end. These will be replaced by a significant drop in temperatures, shorter hours of daylight, long trousers, jumpers and coats, and the beautiful landscape which adorns our parish, in autumn.

I have not yet seen an autumn in Hughenden, but I hear that it is a sight to behold, second perhaps only to a heavy snowfall painting the landscape as a blank white canvas.

With autumn, comes the harvest season. This year you are invited to join us at Naphill Village Hall for our annual Harvest Barn Dance on Saturday 1 October, and then the following day we celebrate our Harvest Festival at St Michael & All Angels. You are invited to bring non-perishable food to donate to the *One Can Trust Foodbank* in

Wycombe, blessing those who are struggling to feed their families, during times of crisis.

Since 2011, *One Can Trust* has operated a Foodbank based in High Wycombe, serving the town and South Buckinghamshire. They collect, sort, store and create food parcels that have fed well over 18,000 adults and children. *One Can Trust* partners with almost 100 front line agencies who refer people to the Food Bank for food aid.



There are many collection points, and the trust works with schools, churches, community groups, supermarkets and businesses of all sorts, as well as some 200 volunteers.

From their warehouse, they pack and send out approximately 300 parcels a month, offering vital support at a time of difficulty, for families in need.

At Harvest, as we give thanks to God for his daily provisions in our lives, it is good to spend some time considering all that we so often take for granted, our family and friends; a roof over our heads and our possessions. All

these bring us comfort and make our lives, our jobs, and our health easier and better. But it is so easy to take for granted all those whose presence and contributions in our lives make such a difference to us.

During times of difficulty, some of these key components which make up our lives might not be present, or their future might appear uncertain. It is then that we often find ourselves truly appreciating their value, and mourning their loss.

In Luke chapter 10, Jesus sends out 72 of his followers to the surrounding towns and villages, to share the Good News that 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'. Jesus observes that there are so many people to share the Good News with, but not many workers to proclaim the message.

Just before Jesus' ascension to heaven, in Matthew chapter 28, he tells his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations' and this is the task which has been given to the worldwide Christian Church. The task to proclaim the news that God loves everyone with a deep abiding love - so much so that he sent his only Son Jesus Christ to earth, to live

amongst us, to teach us how to truly love one another. He was sent to die a painful death on a cross, as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and to rise again on the 3rd day – so that all those who put their faith in Jesus are born again, and have the hope of eternity in their hearts.

Do you ever find yourself thinking about the meaning of life? Are you interested in learning more about God, the Christian faith, and the difference Jesus Christ has made in the lives of millions?

We will be running an Alpha Course at St Michael & All Angels, on Wednesdays at 7pm, commencing on 28th September and weekly from then on. Each session starts with a lovely two course meal, then a thought provoking talk, and the opportunity to discuss the meaning of life. For more details go to: www.alpha.org. Please ring Frank & Diane on 01494 565050 to join even if you have missed the first session.

God bless

Keith

Reverend Keith Johnson

Valley Friends Summer activities update

"David Austin Roses" was the subject of a talk with photographs, by Edwin Rye at our meeting, in July, just when all varieties of roses would be flourishing in David's magnificent Rose garden, which houses over 700 different varieties. As a teenager David Austin was interested in scented roses. Graham Thomas at 97 years old worked in a plant nursery in Surrey, and he gave David a book on Crossing Roses. In 1944 David produced his first new rose named "Constance Spry". David is now over 90 years old and still does most of the work on the breeding programme himself. He spends over £1,000,000 p.a. breeding roses, three to six are processed and take 8 to 10 years to mature. He exhibited three new roses at the Chelsea Flower this year. He donates all the profit he makes on his roses to a shanty town for children in South Africa. Edwin gave out booklets with information on the David Austin rose garden and plant centre. He was warmly thanked for his very knowledgeable and interesting talk. During the summer the Valley Friends joined in the Carnival Day procession disguised in Venetian type masks which we had fun making at Doreen's, using cardboard moulds decorated with sparkly bits and pieces. After the procession, in normal clothes and dainty aprons, we served the very popular cakes and tea, in the small hall and made a most acceptable profit to donate to the carnival fund. Our August Pot Luck supper was delicious and members were able to relax and spend time chatting about recent events and holidays etc.

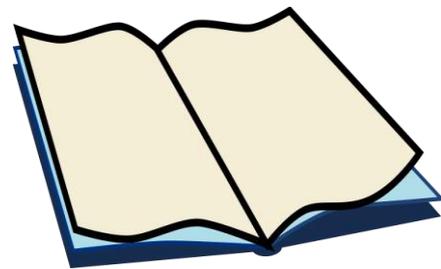
At our September meeting we had a talk with screen presentation by Sally Botwright on the "Old London Docks and New Docklands". Sally showed us a view looking across the Thames to the present site of the docks and likened it to a small Manhattan. Very different would have been the view of the Roman docks which dated back to AD 50, parts of which can still be seen at low tide. King Henry 8th built naval ships at Chatham docks, and surprisingly it took 300 trees to make one ship

In the reign of Elizabeth 1st the only crossing over the Thames was at London. In 1933 one hundred thousand people were employed at the docks. They handled thirty five million tons of cargo a year. It was

heavy dirty work and Dockers had no full time employment, maybe they would get only a half day. The docks were bombed in the war causing the routine labour practices to decline and trouble followed when containers came into use. By 1970 all but Tilbury dock were closed. The area was regenerated and became Canary Wharf employing 10,200 people

Sally described it as a magnificent development of high rise buildings, offices and housing, gardens, art, a floating chapel, shops, cafes, health centre etc., it is clean there are security personnel with sniffer dogs. The docklands light railway with tube station opened in 2000. The last building has just been completed and the whole docklands area covers 97 acres. Sally was thanked by Sylvia for her most interesting and informative presentation.

Joan Steel



From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 4th September: Thomas Steven James, son of Darren and Susan Sidley of Valley Road, Hughenden Valley

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 10th September: Trevor Gordon Hyde to Sarah King

On Friday 16th September: Nicholas David William Loftus to Kate Elizabeth Brown-Lowe

The Departed:

Avis Joan Clinch, aged 86
Gwendoline May Rogers, aged 90

An update on Finances

First some good news! Thanks to earning some un-budgeted income from film companies using our Church as a location, plus some very generous individual donations, it is likely that we will end 2016 having spent only slightly more money than we have received. And this is despite refurbishing both the Vicarage and the Car Park, and employing our Children & Youth Worker Bex Hawes (cost shared 50% with Wycombe Youth for Christ. So we may only need to dip into our reducing reserves by about £2-£3,000 pounds (current estimate).



But now the bad news – the filming income and individual generosity masks the fact that our regular weekly giving (by whatever format – standing order, envelope or cash) has dropped by around £7,000 this year. In the main this is due to a number of very generous givers leaving the area, but also down to a general reduction in giving levels. So we would respectfully ask if everyone could review their current level of regular giving and just check that it is still appropriate. Whilst we have an amazing number of very generous givers, we do also have many weekly donations that haven't changed in amount for many many years. But please, this isn't meant to make anyone feel in any way pressurised to give more than they cheerfully want to and can do!

Finally, we will again be holding our Annual Gift Day on Sunday 23rd October. This year we will be asking for one off donations for 2 funds – first the £10,000 that we need in order to employ Bex again next year, and second the Organ Refurbishment Fund. It is very likely that our wonderful organ will need some significant work doing over the next 2-5 years and so we are looking to start to build up a contingency fund. If you feel able to support either or both of these 2 very worthy causes then please make a cheque payable to Hughenden PCC, place it in a Yellow Envelope and CLEARLY mark it for the Specific Fund you wish your money to go to.

Many thanks in advance! And please do rest assured that the Standing & Finance Team do go to great lengths to manage your finances very prudently. We continue to look at all areas of income and expenditure to make sure that we are wise stewards of the Lord's very generous gifts

Standing & Finance Team - September 2016

A Riddle

I was given this riddle yesterday and thought readers might like the challenge. My source was an eight year old French girl, so I thought it would be easy – I failed to solve it! See how you get on (answer on page 15)

What is
bigger than God
more evil than the devil
Poor people have it
Rich people do not
If you eat it you die?

Irene Cretchley

Prayer

The wonderful joy of prayer
Lifting our life and love
to God, all around us
and being aware
of beauty in so many
spiritual and material
surroundings –
The shapes of trees
Making patterns on the sky.
Dark on light –
or light on Dark –
Wild flowers in meadows,
their colours, a natural
mix of beauty –
Such a lovely sight!

I Remember September

Walking with contented weariness
on this waning day of a dying month,
the old magic returns.
For this is how I remember September;
a suggestion of summer,
but cool with it;
and long shadows cast after noon;
black eyed berries,
and well munched mushrooms left by sated slugs;
a solemn stillness over fresh ploughed fields
like an empty church after service;
a solitary rose
like a guest arrived too late,
unsure of her welcome,
pondering her fate.

September:
time in limbo;
last reprieve of leaf;
a last legging up and down the lawn to be shorn;
a mellowing and yellowing;
an aging, tiring sun
misting mornings till eleven
prompting curtain-time by seven;
and an odd sense of panic
that the squirrel surely feels:
to store things away,
tidy up, make things snug
and generally prepare for worst-of-year,
in this our final fling
until resurgent spring.

Ron Cretchley 28.9.94
www.thinkingpoet.co.uk

Mother Union – September report

The talk this September was given by Frances Alexander, an octogenarian with great insight and vision for our environment. Frances has worked for Wycombe council for many years in different roles, culminating with Chairman. Her passion was, and still is, our environment and how to save it in a practical way!

One of her ideas was to create a cycle lane into High Wycombe, from surrounding areas. At the time, this was considered too difficult and not popular enough. Look at us now, cycling is one of our Country's favourite pastimes! The recent brilliant success at the Olympics has created even more interest. Let's hope Wycombe gets on board (or on the saddle) and more cycle paths appear around our region.

Frances described to us what 'Global warming' is and what causes it. As most people are aware the world is getting too hot, caused in some part by trapped carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This can cause warmer oceans, more extreme weather, icecaps melting, rising sea levels which causes low land flooding. These are the facts we read often in the papers.



What can we as individuals do about it, if anything? Frances gave us information and ideas. Solar panels, in Cyprus for example, nine out of ten homes have solar water heaters providing all their hot water. Spanish solar panels provide around the clock power for many homes. Bangladesh are installing a thousand panels a day! I know they are sunny countries! New homes in the UK are looking at more ways of using panels in a more pleasing and efficient way. Water and wind power are being used and improving all the time. Closer to home in Wales, Swansea lagoon has twin turbines to create electricity, which provides 150 thousand hours of power! We know as a community and country what we should do. Each person needs to just get on board for the future generations, so we can leave a healthy world for them. Recycle, respect nature, grow your own, eat vegetarian once a week, insulate our homes? If we start with the small things who knows what we could do? Your world needs you. If you would like to find out more contact Frances at Wycombe Environmental centre.

Clare Godfrey

The recent story of the Rourke family

Our lives became very different in the summer of 2015 when Julie suffered a major brain haemorrhage. We were told that she was very likely to die that night and we should be prepared for the worst: words that nobody ever wants to hear. We waited, and waited, and waited, but she did not die and soon the message got out to all our friends, far and near.

It was like knocking on God's door for his help: we were not afraid to knock again and again. The family attended St Michael's the following Sunday and by then it seemed that everybody knew, and everybody was praying for her recovery. Some five weeks later, Julie came out of her coma and one morning I noticed her eyes were open. In time she could make facial gestures and later on her voice returned, not yet her voice of old, but she was coming alive again. The children (Madeleine, Georgina, Edward and Thomas) were overjoyed and our regular visits to John Radcliffe Hospital became full of hope. The prayers had certainly given us strength, and to know there was so much love out there is so hard to describe. It is like being held, not simply comforted but being invigorated and giving you the strength not to be afraid of the unknown. She was eventually discharged from hospital at the end of February this year after an operation to alleviate fluid on her brain.

She was home and had barely readjusted to life with her family again when I fell ill with leukaemia. The children were so devastated, and as I sat alone in the hospital, moments after I had been told that I had cancer, that same love sustained me. I was calm and terrified at the same time.

I am well on the road to recovery now and Julie continues to rediscover her new life thanks to the advances in medicine, and the love and prayers of our friends. Throughout these difficult times the Mothers' Union have helped us so much and we all wish to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their generosity, their kindness and their prayers. The holiday they organised for us this summer was the first we had enjoyed together for many years and this, together with their delicious meals and domestic help, all helped, make our lives that bit easier. It makes us very humble and reminds us how important it is to feel part of a community and to have faith. Thank you and thank you again. God bless all.

Sean Rourke 13.9.16

More than Messiaen

It only took two chords for me to realise that I would spend most of this concert thinking rather than listening. The music was messier than Messiaen if you know what I mean, amazing sounds but utterly lacking in tune and melody. We were sitting in Notre-Dame Cathedral listening to an organ recital and I started to think about the famous organists who were associated with the churches of central Paris.

Between 1900 and 1937 the organist at Notre-Dame was the composer Louis Vierne, whose music I am very familiar with as Neil plays it frequently. Born blind with congenital cataracts, Vierne's life was a series of tragedies: wives who left him, a multitude of health problems, emotional and spiritual difficulties. However, his music, including 6 organ symphonies and 24 Fantasy pieces, the most famous of which is the 'Carillon de Westminster', inspired many French 'fin de siècle' organist composers.

Maurice Duruflé, a pupil of Vierne, was at the composer's side when he died, at the console of the mighty Notre-Dame organ, with his foot on the low E pedal. Vierne had a heart attack at the end of a recital and died exactly where he would have chosen to end his life. An early mentor of Vierne was César Franck who was organist at St Clothilde for many years from 1858 until his death in 1872. As is frequently the case, Franck was a pianist who was passionate about the instrument. However, being pragmatic, he took the organist post as it gave him a secure and regular income as well as allowing him time to compose.

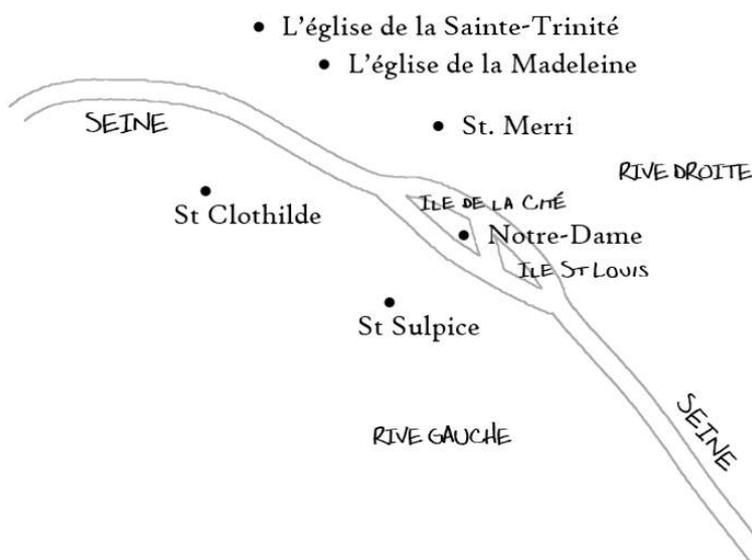
St Clothilde is on the Left Bank near Saint-Germain-de-prés and is memorable for its two distinctive towers and its internal architecture which is very similar to Notre-Dame. It can be visited on the same day as the Rodin Museum, one of my favourite Paris treats.

The organ at St Clothilde was built by the master organ builder Aristide Cavallé-Coll and Franck played it at the inaugural recital in 1859. It is an example of the typical French use of the reeds. They are raw and raucous and to me just sound wrong, it is as if they need tuning. There was much use of the reeds going on in Notre-Dame as I sat there on that June evening. English ears, used to our cathedral organs, are just not used to those harsh tones.

On the opposite side of the Seine, near the Place de la Concorde, lies a very different church with an illustrious history. L'église de la

Madeleine is built in the style of a Greek temple and was designed to glorify Napoleon's army in the early 1800s. It lists several famous organists and composers in its alumni. In 1847 Lefébure-Wély played there. He was renowned for his 'sorties', in other words music for going out at the end of a service. The best known of these is the 'Sortie in E flat'. I suspect you are familiar with it. It is loud, jolly and almost belongs in the fairground. The picture of many serious and heavily robed priests and servers processing out to this music, makes one smile. Maybe Lefébure-Wély considered the morning service rather overlong.

In 1858 he was succeeded by Camille Saint-Saëns, who moved from



St Merri, also on the right bank, to be organist there for the next 20 years and in 1896 Gabriel Fauré played on another new Cavaillé-Coll organ as he took over as organist at L'église de la Madeleine.

St Sulpice is a huge late baroque church that used to be famous for having Charles Marie Widor as its organist. However, in 2003

when Dan Brown wrote his best seller 'The Da Vinci Code', St Sulpice became famed for being one of the settings that the writer used. We were actually in Paris that summer and although I'm sure the church sold many more postcards and candles, the authorities became increasingly agitated as visitors poked and prodded the fabric of the building searching for fictional objects and signs. They eventually produced a large notice in several different languages to refute the fanciful allegations that the book made. "There is no rose line, there was no pagan temple on this site and there was no Priory of Sion," it stated. Notoriety can be tiresome I think.

And then of course Olivier Messiaen was organist at L'église de la Sainte-Trinité which, after that circulatory tour of Paris, brings me back to the recital that I was enduring. It did of course finish eventually and the cup of coffee that we had afterwards in our leafy, fragrant hotel garden was delightful.

Susan Brice July 2016

October's Prayer Topics

8 th - Scouts/ Guides/Cubs/ Brownies/ Beavers/ Rainbows	- Thanks that there is new Cub pack starting on Mondays in Hughenden Village Hall.
9 th - Church Cleaners	- Pray that all the users of the Church will respect the building and contents, and that all visitors to the Church will be able to enjoy its beauty and find peace there.
16 th - Tiny Tots/Babies and Toddler@ Hughenden	- Thanks that so many came to the first Tiny tots of the term. - For additional members of the group to be willing to get involved with the setting up and running of the group.
19 th - Local businesses – The Harrow	- For continued good weather - For all the customers and their dogs that they can continue to enjoy time together in The Harrow
21 st - Friendship morning	- Thanksgiving for the lives of Gwen Rogers, Avis Clinch and Rodney Lord and God's to support their families. - That new members feel welcomed and supported. - Thanks for all the helpers who give time and support in enabling the monthly gathering to happen.
28 th - Deanery	- Thanks for the commitment and gifts of all people in our 35 churches. - For the parishes affected by our 6 vacancies this year - For God's guidance and blessing on those appointed - For the Spirit's leading as we plan for the future of the Deanery
Mission Prayer –MAF	- For an end to the cycle of fighting and violence in South Sudan so that peace and reconciliation can begin - That the Church will be courageous and spirit-filled and that food aid and medical care will reach those in need, especially with the difficulties of the rainy season
Weekly Prayer Target – Clergy Team	- For those who lead our services of worship and speak each week, that God would give them all the gifts they will need in order to lead the people of God - For all those tasked with the pastoral care that all would be loved, cared for and supported - That those planning our Parish Weekend Away at High Leigh Conference Centre would have wisdom, and that God would richly bless all those attending

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

Wycombe Youth For Christ have the opportunity to share the Gospel message through GSUS Live. GSUS Live is described as a great resource for students to be able to access the RE curriculum through a fun, relevant and interactive way and help them think about real-life issues through the teachings of Jesus. It comes as a mobile classroom, fully equipped with the latest technology to help Secondary School students explore topics of fear, rejection and forgiveness and the relevance of the Bible in this. WYFC are hosting GSUS Live for five weeks from Monday, 19th September, and request your prayers for this very special initiative as they will be meeting staff and students each week and want to build long lasting relationships that will develop into strong ongoing relationships.

At the Kings Church on Desborough Road a Parenting Course for the early years (0-4 years) will take place on 7 Wednesday evenings; October 12th, 19th, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. The cost per candidate for the Course Handbook is £10 and if you are

interested in taking part you may print off an Application Form from the Kings Church website; there's still time to register.

Looking ahead to November, The Wycombe Homeless Connection's 'Big Sleepout' will take place on Friday 18th November in Wycombe, Marlow and Beaconsfield starting at 9.00 pm and finishing on Saturday 19th November at 7.00 am with breakfast, I believe. More details in next month's Outlook but something to think about for those more stalwart members of the congregation. You have to build yourself a shelter and wrap up warm to survive the night and find people to sponsor your efforts in order to raise money for this very worthy ministry. They work tirelessly throughout the year to help those sleeping on the streets, to find accommodation and to move on with their lives.

Our committed prayer day this month is on Monday, October 10th, from 8.00 am until Tuesday at 8.00 am. Apologies to those who like to use the Prayer Space in Church House because, due to health issues at home, I was

not in a position to set it up in September and this may drift into October too.

However, the sign-up sheet will be on the table at the back of the church for two weekends before our prayer day. I would ask you to prayerfully think about signing up for an hour, or

part of an hour, bringing the town of Wycombe and all that takes place there before the Lord, if not in the Prayer Space at home instead. Thank you.

Yvonne Cook

Valley Friends Golden Anniversary

Valley Friends who are celebrating their Golden Anniversary. Fifty years ago, young families were moving into new estates built locally and the young mothers needed somewhere to socialise.



Inspired by young members of the Hughenden Mothers Union and along with families already living here, two groups were formed, one called Park Estate Young Wives and later one, known as Valley Young Wives. Our name has changed twice but our membership has been constant ever since, and we still have two founder members.

More details to follow about our celebration evening which will be a Dinner with Musical Entertainment at the Village Hall on Friday 7th October at 8.00 p.m.

Joan Steel

(answer – “nothing”)

September Recipe

Profiteroles

I have always collected cookery books and one of the best places to find them is at the second-hand book stalls at jumble sales or 'bring and buys'. Although this recipe is from a book more than 25 years old, it is a good easy one so do try it. The profiteroles really are delicious.

Ingredients (makes 24)

For the choux pastry:

6 ozs butter

10 ozs plain flour, sifted

8 medium eggs, beaten together

1 pint water.

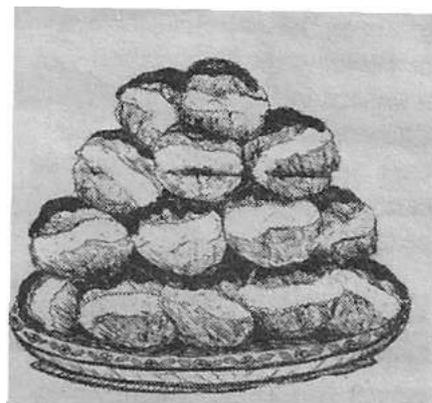
Sauce

4 ozs good plain chocolate

2 level teaspoons golden syrup

4 tablespoons evaporated milk

1 pint pot of double cream or whipping cream



Method

Melt the butter in the water and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and quickly add all the flour at once and beat until the paste is smooth and forms a ball in the centre of the pan. (Don't overbeat or the mixture becomes fatty.) Allow to cool slightly then beat in the eggs little by little, until the mixture is just soft enough to pipe. Using a piping bag with a large plain nozzle, pipe small blobs about the size of a 2p coin, onto non-stick or greaseproof paper on a baking tray, leaving enough room between them for them to expand.

Bake in the oven at 220C/425F/gas mark 7 (slightly lower in a fan oven) for about 20-25 mins until they are light brown in colour. Remove from the oven and carefully make a small hole in them to let the steam escape. Replace them in the *turned-off* oven for about ten minutes, then transfer them to a wire rack and allow to

cool completely. Cut off the tops and fill with whipped cream, then replace the tops and arrange on a serving dish.

Make the sauce by melting the ingredients together in a saucepan but don't let it boil. When everything is well blended and smooth, allow to cool slightly, stirring all the time and pour over the profiteroles, making sure each has its fair share of chocolate sauce.

Ann Way



MU Open Meeting – all visitors welcome

8th November at 7.30 p.m.

Church House

Justin Montague will be talking on :-

'Life in the Marines in Afganistan'

**All are welcome to come and hear Justin's talk;
members and non-members, male and female alike**

Communicants - August

Sundays:

7th 35
14th 29 + 63 = 92
21st 25 + 36 = 61
28th 26 + 60 = 86

Weekdays:

There were no weekday
communion services
this month

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE AT BUGOYE, WEST UGANDA

Did you see the report about The Ebenezer Children's Centre (ECC) in a recent Outlook ? The ECC is supported by a donation at Christmas by this church. Just in case you are new to Hughenden I will give you a brief history, but don't go away all those of you who know this already, there will be some new news to come.

The ECC was founded in 2003 in response to the large numbers of orphaned children in the Kasese district in West Uganda, close to the Congo border. We saw it when Mark Wynter (son of our then curate Mike Wynter) and I visited in 1996 and again in 2000. Most of these children had become orphans when both of their parents died from AIDS. In Kasese 80% of the population lived below the "poverty" line and 60% of children did not even complete primary school education.

On the first day ECC opened for enrolment, 360 children arrived! Twenty of the most needy were selected for residence, another 60 were to receive education and a daily meal, with others accepted to attend the school. Since that momentous day a secondary school has been added funded by UK donations from a school and a roof water collection system installed by this church. There are now 35 resident children and the secondary school is part funded by the Ugandan government since they made both primary and secondary education compulsory, but did not have sufficient secondary schools in this area. Neither the primary school nor the resident orphans receive any government funding and the secondary school funding can be late arriving.

At its beginning the ECC was directed by Pastor Samson , his wife Betty and a board of trustees. At the start of 2015 Samson and Betty stepped down and the directorship passed to their eldest daughter Charity and her husband Geoffrey, who had both completed UNI in Kampala, where Charity had studied Personnel and Business Management.

In April 2016 Samson donated 8 acres of land near Bugoye which he owned to ECC. Geoffrey has taken responsibility for farming this land with the aim to become as selfsufficient as possible in provision of food for the children. They have 100 chickens and two incubators and have harvested maize and beans – two of their staple foods.

Geoffrey's immediate requirements are, for bush clearing, ploughing, discing, ridging; followed by planting, seeds, fertilisers and spraying, watering and watchkeeping then weeding. This will lead on to harvesting and packing, transporting and grinding which all together come to an estimated total of £2000.00. This cost may now have risen, because the EU Referendum has brought a fall in the rate of exchange. Added to this, Geoffrey's hope for the future is to purchase more land and to have a tractor.

In 2003 £1 a day provided the immediate needs of each of the resident orphans. Now the minimum is £2.20 a day and rising.

Would you like to help ? What could you do ?



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The JC Club children's weekly collection gifts are donated to ECC. You could save your loose change. I will provide red concertina boxes at the back of church in the weeks ahead or you could use an old jam jar.

OR you could make a donation at this church in one of the yellow envelopes in the pews, but do make sure that you state prominently that is a gift for The Ebenezer Children's Centre.

OR you can make a regular monthly or annual gift by direct debit or standing order through The Scriptural Knowledge Institution who transfer donations to ECC quarterly free of any charges. Please see Rita about this method. All of these donation methods can be Gift Aided if you are a tax payer.

Join the supporters group to receive news via email from Rita Pulley (01494 563470) and please contact me with any other fundraising ideas or ways you would like to help. Thank you for your attention!

Rita Pulley.

Good Companions

Our September meeting was mainly concerned with our AGM, the meeting was informed of the retirement from office of our long serving secretary Pam Herman, for health reasons. She has been made an honorary life member, her place has been taken by Pat Furness who had recently been acting secretary.

The year's activities and our finances were reviewed. The existing officers otherwise remain in place but it was thought advisable to have a deputy chairman in post, and John Jones was appointed. This was a sensible move as none of us are getting any younger. A general discussion followed. The meeting closed and a bring and buy sale followed, which raised fifteen pounds. The afternoon concluded with the customary raffle.

At our October meeting we have a return visit from Joan Darke who's subject will be "Women" which probably means no lack of humour.

Michael Harris



Coffee morning with Bring and Buy

25th October 10.00 – 12.00 a.m.

Church House

Come and enjoy time to chat over coffee and a cake!

Monies raised will be donated to Mothers' Union charities

Hughenden The Men's Breakfast

Rob Innes: from Salvation Army to Church Warden

In June, our recently elected Church Warden, Rob Innes, gave an entertaining talk at Men's Breakfast, outlining his journey from being an established member of The Salvation Army to his new role in our church. He and his wife, Sarah, first attended St Michael and All Angels three years ago, so it is telling testimony of Rob's genuine humility that he was both delighted and surprised by his appointment to this *important* function (*daunting* was the word he used to describe it). It is testimony also to his deep faith and daily walk with the Lord that Rob openly acknowledged and accepted that God had brought him and Sarah to this place and for this purpose.

Born, a 'baby boomer', to committed Christians and members of the Salvation Army, Rob was brought up in a loving family with his two younger sisters. From a very early age he was taken along to The Salvation Army at Greenford where, every Sunday, he attended worship four times in the day. It was, as he said, 'A way of life'. Together with his sisters, he became involved in everything on offer, including the *Young People Band* and *Singing Company* (junior choir).

Music (he learned to play the piano from a young age), the Cubs and then the Scouts figured large in his childhood. His Mum and Dad were Brown Owl and Akela, respectively. This situation was not always a boon, as the misadventure that other boys left behind in the Scout Hall at the end of sessions, followed him home.

Later, he furthered his musicianship and was taught the Cornet but got hooked on the EEb Bass/Tuba which he still plays (it also takes up most his boot space!).

In 1973 his family moved to the Ealing Salvation Army where he continued to grow as a Christian and as a musician, including attendance at band camp at Tylney Hall, Rotherwick in Hampshire over a number of years.

Rob joined the Metropolitan Police at 19 years of age although, during his teens, he had felt a strong call to go into the ministry as a Salvation Army Officer. It is a call he still hears and, reminding his audience that Moses came late to the job, he said there may still be time!

Around this time he felt something lacking in his Christian life so, together with his first wife, Julie, also a Salvationist, he began to attend the local Anglican Church, St Edmund of Canterbury in Hayes. It was here that he first found the real meaning of the 'Church'. The church being the people, not a building or a group of Christians. He was struck by the fact that the God he had been worshipping for the past 25 years was the same God he found at St Edmund's, just as loving and kind, just as awesome and just as immeasurable. He was baptised and confirmed as, in time, were his children Sarah, Rachael, David and Mark.

Sadly, in 1994, his marriage broke up and, to revisit the Moses theme, he spent the next few years in the wilderness until he met his lovely Sarah. They married in 1997 and, after a while, joined All Saints church in Marlow where Sarah's son Andy was a chorister. Rob became a member of the choir and helped with intercessions and reading of the lessons.

Then came rugby! Sarah's youngest son started at Marlow Rugby Club and one thing led to another and soon he had a Sunday morning activity but not at church. However, for about three years he was the organist at St Mary's, Marlow Bottom, usually wearing his rugby kit under his clothes for a quick getaway.

This pattern of life continued for quite a few years with infrequent church attendance and, in truth, just wandering (Moses again). After leaving St Mary's, he and Sarah occasionally attended the Marlow Christian Fellowship, a member of the Evangelical Alliance. They were very nice people but their strict biblical interpretation excluded some sections of society. It was a spiritually unfulfilling time for Rob but he kept his faith and, visiting Church House as a prospective venue for an event they were helping to run for Child Bereavement UK,

Sarah handed him our Mission Statement. They were hooked and decided to give it a try.

Sometime last year he felt an unmistakable prompt from the Holy Spirit and knew that on this particular Sunday he was going to be asked to do something special. After the service he was approached by an astute Brian Clark, who asked him if he would consider taking over from him as Church Warden. Called by God, asked by Brian, supported by Sarah, how could he refuse?

Rob then concluded by posing the question, 'So why The Anglican Church over The Salvation Army?'

He firmly believes it is truly God's plan - 'The Lord knows our paths. Back in my teens should I have become a full time minister? Was I right to leave the Salvation Army? The path at times has not been easy but I am certain God has placed me where he wants me to be. The actual path to becoming Church Warden has been easy because God has sought me. Yes, there are differences but at the centre of each branch of the Christian denomination is our one and true God.'

He has never known a time in his life without the Lord and, in reference to where he finds himself now, quoted from Proverbs 3:6- 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path'.

Roger Grant

The High Wycombe & District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be holding their annual Ploughman's Lunch and Mini Bazaar on Saturday 5th November at Hughenden Vally Village Hall.

The doors open at 12.00pm with lunches served at 12.30pm.

There will be a tombola; raffle; book stall and bric-a-brac stall. Lunches will cost £6.50.



All proceeds will be used to help people with MS in the local area.

**Belinda Peddle Secretary
High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society 01494 443917**

FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATIONS

Floodlighting dedications received too late for the September magazine are for:

11 – 17 September Sara Badrick was remembering with much love her husband John, particularly on 14th, his birthday.

18 – 24 September Sara Badrick was remembering with much love her son Shaun, particularly on 19th, his birthday.

25 September – 1 October
Kathleen Moxham is dedicating the floodlighting in loving remembrance of Revd Michael Wynter who died on 25 September 2012.

25 September – 1 October
Pam and Doug Blacklaws wish to remember especially on 25 September the anniversary of their beloved son Danny, who passed away 21 years ago.

There are no dedications for October yet.

If you have special occasions to mark, why don't you dedicate the flood-lighting. Your dedication can be for anything within reason, remembering loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, new babies - or just for the joy of being alive!

Lin Smit

Church Calendar October 2016

Sat	1	2.00 pm	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Sun	2		Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Choral Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	4	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	5	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter: Church House
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	6	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
Sun	9		Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	10	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Tue	11	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Wed	12	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	13	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
Fri	14		Parish weekend away to High Leigh until 16th.
Sat	15		Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Sun	16		Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Choral Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
			A capella concert by musicians from Piggotts music weekend
		3.48 pm	
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	18		Luke the Evangelist
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (30 mins): Church
Wed	19	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	20	All day	Private booking: Church and Church House
		9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship Group: Church House
Fri	21	All day	Private booking: Church and Church House
Sat	22	All day	Private booking: Church and Church House
Sun	23		Last Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	24	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Wed	26	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	27	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
Fri	28		Simon and Jude, Apostles
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (30 mins): Church
Sun	30		Fourth Sunday before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

The Lectionary – October 2016

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6.00pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
2nd	Harvest Festival (19th after Trinity)			
	Deuteronomy 26, 1 – 11	A Stacey	J or C Tyrer	C. Godfrey
	Philippians 4, 4 – 9 or Revelation 14, 14 - 18	P Hynard	R or A Gee(check which lesson)	
	John 6, 25 – 35	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 65			
	Deuteronomy 28. 1 - 14	L Stallwood		
	Luke 17, 12, 16 – 30	S Brice		
9th	20th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)			
	2 Kings 5, 1 – 3 & 7 – 15c	J Wilson	L Stallwood	H Byrne
	2 Timothy 2, 8 -15	L Smit	A Moore (check which lesson)	L Comley
	Luke 17, 11 – 19	Priest		Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 111			
	Evensong: Psalm 144			
	Nehemiah 6, 1 – 16	A Johnson		
	John 15, 12 - end	M Morgan		
16th	21st Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)			
	Genesis 32, 22 – 31	J Holmes	H Lowe	Informal service
	2 Timothy 3, 14 – 4, 5	J White	J Palmer	
	Luke 18, 1 – 8	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm s 146 &149			
	Nehemiah 8, 9 - end	B Doran		
	John 16, 1 – 11	E Bailey		
23rd	Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)			
	Jeremiah 14, 7 – 10 & 19 – end	J Dauncey	H Farrar-Hockley	P Austin
	2 Timothy 4, 6 – 8 & 16 – 18	A Jaycock	B Brice (check which lesson)	H Morley
	Luke 18, 9 - 14	Priest		Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 84			
	Evensong: Psalm 119, 1 - 16			
	Ecclesiastes 11 & 12	B Brice		
	2 Timothy 2, 1 – 7	L Smit		

30th	4th Sunday before Advent			
	Isaiah 1, 10 – 18	C Carter	E Sadler	F Hawkins
	2 Thessalonians 1	A Stacey	A or R Gee (check	D Haekins
	Luke 19, 1 – 10	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 32			
	Evensong: Psalm 145			
	Lamentations 3, 22 – 33	L Stallwood		
	John 11, 1 - 44	S Brice		

JOKE!

There was an Archdeacon who died and arrived in heaven. He was met by St Peter at the pearly gates, who presented the Archdeacon with a slightly battered looking staff and a plain black robe, both of which the Archdeacon took.

However, a few days later he became confused when he saw a familiar face - it was Fred Smith the bus driver, who was walking around heaven dressed in a multi-coloured and ornate robe and was holding the most beautiful staff, adorned with precious jewels.

The Archdeacon sought out St Peter, and took him aside for an explanation. "Why has Fred Smith, the bus driver, been given the most beautiful robe I have ever seen, and the most eye catching staff - he never came to Church. I gave the best years of my life to the Church".

St Peter looked at the flustered Archdeacon and explained - "Archdeacon, it's very simple - whilst you preached, people slept, but whilst Fred drove his bus, people prayed!"

Every blessing

Rev Keith Johnson

Regular Meetings and Organisations



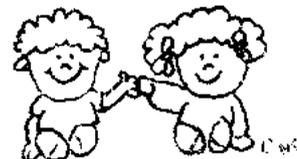
Friendship Morning

This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30 a.m. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own, and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship, and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this is for you.

Penny Austin – 01494 529596

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 0930 -1130 **in the North Room**. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments.



Included, every **SECOND** Thursday of the month, will be 'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church.

For details contact Helen Peters – helen.peters@peters-research.com

House Groups

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week: for days and times, or for **further information contact Helen Byrne - helenbyrne67@googlemail.com or 01494 564342.**

Young People's Groups @ St Michael's

CYFA (School years 10+) Alternate Sunday evenings in term time.

FLASH (School years 7-9) Monthly Sunday evening in term time.

AWESOME AND ACTIVE

(AAA) (School years 4-6) Monthly Sunday: teatime in term time.

For dates of meetings for all groups and further details contact Rebecca Hawes - rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk

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Our Mission is

“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission through Prayer, Presence,

Persuasion and Proclamation by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

- *That is steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer*
- *That is based on Jesus' example*
- *By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.*

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

- *Understanding the communities in which we live and seeking to be fully involved in those communities*
- *Building appropriate bridges between our Church and our community*
- *Taking every opportunity to share the Good news about Jesus Christ*

iii) Offering and receiving spiritual and practical support and development –

- *That is appropriate to wherever people are on their spiritual journey*
- *That is based on worship that is honouring to God and accessible and relevant to all*
- *And that is led by prayer that engages with the will of God and his purposes*

Heavenly Father – we pray that we can, as a church and as individuals, shine the light of your love across our homes, work places and neighbourhoods. Amen